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## THE SENATORSHIP

The General Assembly having at last organized, started the balloting for a Senator or a vacancy as the case may be. The end of the first week shows no change. The Union Republicans are voting for Mr. Addicks, of course, the Democrats, equally of course are voting for Mr. Saulsbury, and the Republicans for Col. du Pont. Some of the Dover correspondents think they see evidences of a break in the Union Republican lines and that the end of next week will show many defections from Mr. Addicks. This seems too good to be true. Since Mr. Addicks started his personal party in 1896, he has been the "logical" and only candidate of that party. True, two years ago a compromise was made in the last days of the session, by which two senators were chosen. But even then it was generally, understood that Mr. Addicks was still their candidate and it was not until he advised the and compromise that a result was reached. This year, however according to the stories sent out, there is to be a defection, not a compromise. A large majority of the Union Republican members are to drop the cry of "Addicks or nobody," and join with the Republicans in an earnest endeavor to unite on a candidate who can be elected and who will represent well and truely the State of Delaware. This, if true, will be a great victory for the loyal, honest, Republicans, who have all along fought Addicks and Addicksism, but at the same time have stood for one ticket and one party.

If the Union Republicans referred to do leave Mr. Addicks, it will mean that the party is to be re-united, and in the future there will be no prefixes nor affixes to the word Republicans. There will be a Republican party which can and will present a solid front to Democracy and thus insure Delaware's continuing under Republican government.

## JAMES S. MOORE

Probably none of the county officials was better known nor more generally respected than the Recorder of Deeds, whose sudden death on Tuesday evening came as a great shock to the community. While a comparatively young man, Mr. Moore had for many years before his selection as the Republican candidate for Recorder, been in a business that brought him in close contact with men. The result was, that while he was not a politician in the narrow meaning of the word, although always interested in the welfare of his city and the success of his party, when he became a candidate for the nomination, he was successful with the largest majority any candidate had ever received, and at the election ran ahead of his ticket. His death leaves a vacancy that it will be hard to fill. The large attendance at his funeral yesterday was but another evidence of the regard in which he was held.

## WASHINGTON

February 21 is the date on which will be run the next Personally-Conducted Tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad to Washington. This tour will cover a period of three days, affording ample time to visit all the principal points of interest at the National Capital, including the Congressional Library and the new Corcoran Art Gallery. Rate, covering railroad transportation for the round trip and hotel accommodations, $13.00 or $10.50 from Trenton, and proportionate rates from other points, according to hotel selected. Rates cover accommodations at hotel for two days. Special side trip to Mount Vernon.

All tickets good for ten days, with special hotel rates after expiration of hotel coupon.

Similar tours will be run on March 9 and 23, April 6 and 24, and May 18.

For itineraries and full information apply to Ticket Agents; or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

## REDUCED RATES TO WASHINGTON

On account of the Inauguration of President Roosevelt on March 4, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Washington, March 2, 3 and 4, good for return passage until March 8, inclusive, from New York, Philadelphia, Pottsville, Wilkesbarre, Wilmington, Oxford, Pa., Lancaster, Harrisburg, and intermediate stations; from all stations on the Delaware Division, and from all stations in the State of New Jersey, at rate of *single fare for the round trip, plus 25 cents*. Deposit of ticket with Joint Agent in Washington on or before March 8 and payment of fee of $1.00 will secure extention of return limit to leave Washington on or before March 18. For specific rates and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

## PREDICT BREAK FROM ADDICKS SOON

### Now Said That There Will be a Change in Balloting for Senator Next Week

DOVER, DEL., February 9th.—The balloting for United States senator will continue without any marked change until next Monday, when a general break away from the followers of Mr. Addicks is prophesied.

The Addicks leaders in the Legislature, however, resent the assertion that there will be any considerable loss, and some go so far as to insist that they will gain some votes next week before the game of fast politics is begun. The restive feeling continues in their ranks, notwithstanding their sanguine expressions and President Pro Tempore Conner and his factional associates are worried over next week's developments.

Some of the so-called doubtful ones, or those among the Addick's supporters who are opposed to Addicks holding up the Legislature if he cannot be elected, or opposed to a deadlock, were discussing a plan by which they proposed to serve notice upon their fractional associates that they were opposed to a deadlock, and desired that Mr. Addicks should communicate to them whom he would desire to see elected other than himself. In other words, the scheme as proposed to them was to allow Addicks to name the man, then let him take his chances before the Legislature, and if he stood no better show than Addicks, to then go over without further mincing matters to Colonel Henry A. duPont.

## DEATH OF JAMES MOORE

Recorder of Deeds James S. Moore was stricken with paralysis Tuesday afternoon while riding in a Delaware avenue car in Wilmington, and died shortly after being taken to his home. Perhaps no death that has occurred in that city for sometime occasioned any more surprise or genuine regret than did the sudden taking off of Mr. Moore. Few people could believe the news as many of them had greeted him a short time before his sudden death.

The deceased, who was 46 years of age, is survived by a wife and one daughter, Lillian K. Moore.

Mr. Moore had been ill for several months, suffering with Bright's disease. He was returning to his home on the car and had about reached duPont street when stricken.

Tender hands hurried him to Coplan's drug store and Drs. John Palmer, H. J. Stubbs, W. E. Sherwood and Mitchell Greenwood attended him. Mr. Moore never regained consciousness and died at 5.30 o'clock Tuesday evening.

The deceased was the son of Hiram W. Moore and Catherine Moore, and was born at Ogleton, Del., on January 25th, 1859. On September 13th, 1880, he married Miss Ella M. Kaiser, who survives him with one daughter.

Mr. Moore was a member of Industry Lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen; Temple Lodge, No. 11, A. F. A. M.; Keokuk Tribe, No. 3, Improved Order of Red Men, and Eden Lodge, Order of Odd Fellows, the Young Men's and the East Side Republican Clubs.

Before being elected Recorded of Deeds, Mr. Moore was a salesman in the clothing store of J. T. Mullin & Sons for many years. In 1902 Mr. Moore became the candidate of the Republican party, in the affairs of which he was active, for Recorder of Deeds. He easily won the nomination and his plurality at the election was extremely large.

Governor Lea will be called upon to appoint his successor.

## TOWNSEND

D. B. Maloney was in Wilmington Monday.

Miss Winnie Price, of Kennedyville, is visiting Mrs. W. N. Watts.

Mr. Joseph A. Daniels spent Monday in Wilmington.

Miss Edith Atwell, of near Dulaney's, Md., is visiting Miss Agnes Atwell.

Robert Wilson, of Middletown, spent Sunday in Townsend.

Mr. George Phillips, of Golts, visited Mr. W. T. DeValinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Collins visited friends in Smyrna on Sunday.

D. P. Hutchison visited Wilmington on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. VanHorn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lurty, of near Smyrna, on Sunday.

Mr. W. T. DeVallnger who has been suffering from an attack of the grippe, is out again.

Mrs. John Collins, of Thoroughfare Neck, visited Townsend friends Sunday.

Joseph C. Hutchison visited Wilmington Tuesday.

L. W. Lattomus, Samuel Townsend, Miss Alma Lynam and Miss Arrelee Lattomus attended a drama in Dover on Friday evening, February 3d, which was given by the Academy students.

Thomas Boulden, of near Cecilton, spent Sunday with friends in Townsend.

Mrs. G. M. Outten and daughter Zeta, have returned from a visit with relatives in Seaford.

Miss Dessie Boulden, of Cecilton, is visiting Miss Mary Money.

The young Wilkes colt owned by J. L. Dickinson, recently owned by W. W. Naylor, beat Grover C., owned by Thomas Boulden of Cecilton, in a 3-heat race in Townsend last Saturday. The race was a poor one. Boulden's horse was seemingly in poor form.

Miss Mary Othoson and brother, of New Castle, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lynam.

At their monthly meeting last Saturday evening the Usher's Union elected three new members: Walter Walls, John Herd and James Brown. The membership of the Union is now about twenty. The Ushers for to-morrow will be Walter Lee and Samuel Walker.

Mrs. Drusilla McCoy recently of Clayton, has moved in one of the new houses built by J. V. Hayman.

## FLORIDA

The second Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington by special train on February 14th.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Trenton, $49.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington, $48.00; Pittsburg, $53.00 and at proportionate rates from other points.

A similar tour will be run February 28th.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information, apply to ticket agents, or to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

## JOHN SIMPERS MURDERED CONSTABLE

### Horse Thief Serving Time in Penitentiary Says He Alone Did the Shooting

A telegram reached Elkton shortly after 12 o'clock Tuesday from Albert Constable, Jr., stating that John M. Simpers, the horse thief, who is now serving an eight-year sentence in the Maryland Penitentiary for stealing a horse from John M. Tucker in September last, had confessed to committing the murder of Albert Constable, on Red Hill, on August 18th, 1904. Simpers in his confession stated that he alone committed the murder.

**Confession in Full**

The confession is as follows:

Confession made by John M. Simpers to the Warden, Mr. John F. Weyler, on Monday, February 6th, 1905:

The following confession was made under no threats, neither was any promise made to me whatever as to immunity from punishment or lightening of sentence:

I was in Elkton after a horse when the murder of Mr. Constable took place. Mr. Constable was very close to me coming back over the hill when the thought came into my mind to hold him up and rob him. I was in need of money, having lost all I had by gambling. I did not intend to shoot Mr. Constable or kill him. The first time I shot I aimed in an entirely different direction; the second time I shot in the air, and the third shot I fired close to him to scare him, not intending to kill him.

"He asked if I wanted money, and I said "Yes." He told me he only had a quarter, and threw it to me. I told him to throw his watch along with it, and he did; than he commenced to groan, and I asked him where he was shot, and he said he thought he was shot in the head.

"He asked me to tell the colored people up the road that he was wounded, and I stopped and halloed to some one in a yard that there was a sick man down the road and he wanted them to come down; then I went up the road, crossed Ford's corn fields, and I went across our own place where Richard Owens lives, then over to Iron Hill and took the 8.28 train to Wilmington; I went from Wimington to Philadelphia in the trolley. I pawned the watch at Rider's pawnshop under the name of Clark; I lost the chain; I do not remember what became of the pawn ticket. JOHN M. SIMPERS".

## ST. GEORGES

Charles Cannon was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Clayton Riley is the guest of William Janvier and family.

Miss Edna Lilly spent Sunday with her parents in Newark.

Miss Flora Murry, of Bethel, is the guest of Miss Ida Wright.

Miss Gertrude Swain spent a part of this week in Wilmington.

Miss Mattie Murry is a guest of her uncle, William Calhoun.

Miss Florence Cox spent Sunday with Thompson Lilly and family.

George Hill spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in Wilmington.

Mrs. David Lynam spent last week with her parents in Chester, Pa.

Charles Pierce was an over Sunday guest of James Taylor and family.

Miss Helen Cox is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cox.

The W. C. T. U. birthday party will be held sometime in the near future.

Clarence Batten spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Batten.

John W. Carrow was the guest of his father, Wesley Carrow, of Mt. Pleasant, this week.

William McMullin is visiting his mother at her home near St. Georges.

Miss Florence Cox spent a part of last week with her brother Walter, at Wrangel Hill.

Charles Stapleford and wife spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson.

Miss Fanny Ford and Miss Veasy were the guests of Miles Clark and family on Sunday.

Miss Asa Lynam and Miss Davis, of Cecilton, are the guests of David Lynam and family.

Mrs. Stuckert who has been confined to the house for several weeks past, is improving.

Joseph Heisel and wife spent Sunday with their son, T. Bayard Heisel, of Delaware City.

The Christian Endeavor rally will be held in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening.

James Roberts, of Glasgow, spent Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts.

A supper will be held by the ladies of the M. E. Church in Odd Fellow's Hall, on February 15th and 16th.

Mrs. Swain who has been confined to her home the greater part of the winter was out to church on Sunday.

The light committee's supper which was postponed on account of blocked roads, will be held on February 21st and 22d.

Harry, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hopkins, is in the Delaware Hospital. He was sleding near his home when the sled ran into a fence, breaking his leg above the knee.

## SASSAFRAS

Mrs. Caroline Johns has recovered from an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Temperance Ford has recovered from a severe illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Elwood Williams, of near Middletown, visited Sassafras on Wednesday.

Mrs. B. Caulk who has been so ill, we are pleased to state, is greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest are entertaining Miss Lydia Porter, of Smyrna.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross and son Masten visited friends in Cecil County on Sunday.

Miss Emma Stradley, of Galena, visited her sister, Mrs. William Stradley, for a week.

Miss May Toulson, of near Glasgow, Del., is visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Caulk.

Rev. F. S. Cain, of Warwick, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Saturday.

Mr. William Shallcross left on Tuesday last for Chestertown, where he expects to remain for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and daughters were entertained on Friday last by Middletown relatives.

Mr. Arthur Johns, of Rehoboth, is very sick at the home of his mother near town suffering from the grip.

The Kent County Commissioners on Tuesday unanimously decided not to expend money for opening the public roads.

Owing to the snowdrifts which made traveling impossible, there were no services in either of our churches on Sunday.

Mr. Fred Boyles, of near Middletown, visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Custis Price, near Sassafras, several days last week.

Miss Mary Tarbutton and brother Harry were entertained on Tuesday by Mr. Louis Dreka and family at "Water Ledge."

Mr. John Tarbutton and Mr. T. Othoson were guests of the latter's brother, Mr. Elias Othoson, near St. Georges, recently.

Mrs. Rachel Stradley and little nephew and Mr. Robert Johnston were entertained for dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Wednesday.

We all regret exceedingly that Mr. Arnold Stewart and family have moved to Warwick. Mr. Perry Othoson of near New Castle, will occupy the farm vacated by Mr. Stewart.

Our river are all frozen over and business here is almost at a stand still. Our public roads are still banked with snow and those that do travel are necessitated to travel through fields.

In many Protestant Churches on Sunday the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor movement was celebrated. The first society was formed in Williston Church, Portland, Maine, on February 2d, 1881. It then had seven members, since that time the membership has grown to 4,000,000 there being 65,000 members in the United States alone.


## PUBLIC SALE
OF VALUABLE
## Personal Property

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming on the William A. Cleaver Farm, one mile west of Port Penn, Del., will sell at Public Sale,

**Thursday, Feb. 16, '05**

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

The following described personal property to-wit. Sale absolute without reserve:

12 HEAD OF
## Horses and Colts

No. 1.—KATE, gray mare, 9 years old, 15½ hands high.

No. 2.—BESS, gray mare, 9 years old, 15½ hands high. This is a good farm or wagon team, having been worked together as a team, will pull or back as much as any man wants a team to do; you cannot hook them wrong.

No. 3.—LADY, gray mare, 5 years old, will work anywhere, fine size, extra fine.

No. 4.—MAUDE, bay mare, 10 years old, good worker or driver.

No. 5.—BOB, black horse, 12 years old, 16 hands high, good worker or driver.

No. 6.—FRED, bay horse, 15½ hands high 10 years old, good worker or driver.

No. 7.—BELLE, bay mare, 16 hands high, good worker, good cart mare.

No. 8.—POWHATAN, bay gelding, 3 yrs. old, 15 hands high, broken to single or double harness; has been worked some.

No. 9.—JUNE, chestnut mare, 3 years old, unbroken, by Long Island Chief, Jr.; very fine.

No. 10.—MAY, chestnut mare, 4 years old, by Pazote, 1st dam Mischief, by Tempest; very fine.

Nos. 11 and 12.—9 month old colts, by Long Island Chief, Jr.

16
## HEAD OF CATTLE

12 milch cows, some fresh, others springing. These are home raised and are a fine lot of cows. 1 Durham Bull, coming 2 years old, very fine. 1 Black Polled Bull, coming 2 years old, very fine.

**FARMING IMPLEMENTS, ETC.**

Two farm wagons, one nearly new; 1 McCormick Binder, in good order; 1 McCormick Mower, in good order; 2 hay riggings, 1 roller, 1 Osborne disc harrow, nearly new; 1 Osborne spring tooth harrow, nearly new; 2 No. 20 Oliver plows, in good order; 3 hand cultivators, 160-tooth iron harrow, 1 Bickford & Huffman 11-doe drill, nearly new; 1 corn sheller, 2 sets wagon harness, plow harness, collars, bridles, breast and other chains, shovels, forks, hoes and many other articles not herein mentioned.

Also, lot of Hay by ton.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

Sum of $20 and under, cash; on sums over that amount a credit of 10 months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved indorser, interest added from day of sale. A discount of 5 per cent. will be given on all credit sales for cash. No goods to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

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## WINE of CARDUI


REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Feb. 1, 1905

Upon the application of John A. David, Administrator of Benjamin F. David late of Blackbird Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the First day of February A. D. 1905, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the First day of February 1906, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

JOHN A. DAVID,
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Men's 7.50 Suits reduced to 5.00.

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**Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:**

North Bound—3.29, 7.48, 9.22 and 10.24 a. m; 1.55 4.17 and 4.58 p. m.
South Bound—12.36, 8.21, 9.19 and 11.38 a. m.; 4 43. 5.41 and 7.43 p. m.

**Mails Close as Follows.**

Going North—7.20 a. m, 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a, m, and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 11, 1905.


## Local News.

Dr. W. E. Barnard, Dentist. Offices and residence adjoining the post office.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain, 75 cents cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.
J. C. GREEN.

FOR RENT—House and Stable now occupied by John W. Solway East Main street. G. E. HUKILL.

After October 1st the library will be open on Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5 o'clock and 7 to 8.30 o'clock, P. M.

The local banks will be closed Monday next, February 13th, that day being Lincoln's Birthday.

There will be two eclipses of the moon this year, one on February 19th and the other on August 15th.

WANTED.—Boarders in private family. Either ladies or gentlemen. Rooms to rent. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

FOR RENT.—Store room and Stable on West Main street. Possession given March 25th, next. Apply to
THIS OFFICE.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 2d: Mrs. B. C. Brown, Miss Agnes Denby and and Walter Gonce.

It is rather a curious co-incidence that the years in which the great blizzards and snow blockades l a e occurred in this locality, all began on Sunday—namely, 1888, 1893, 1899 and 1905.

Mr. J. B. Messick has sold the R. W. Cochran property on Green street to Mr. R. L. Price. The property will be greatly improved, and will be occupied by Mr. John Armstrong in the spring.

During the past three months 1,674 acres of Maryland land have been sold to settlers from Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Germany and Sweden, at prices ranginging from $15 to $100 an acre.

February, our shortest calendar month, illustrating the great value of small parcels, contains three memorable days: Washington's birthday for patriots, St. Valentine's Day for lovers, and Lincoln's birthday for veterans and American citizens.

Are you going to get married? Are you going to housekeeping? Are you going to move, or when you clean house, and need any Furniture, Carpets, Matting or anything else in house furnishings I can save you money if you will see me before you purchase. A. FOGEL.

We have taken the agency for the Model Cypress Incubator, and when we say all of the leading poultrymen of the country are using the Cypress, we are only saying what many in this community know is true. Would be glad to have you call and look it over.
J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

The ladies of the New Century Club will give an evening social in honor of St. Valentine, at their club room next Tuesday evening, February 14th. An interesting program has been arranged for the evening. All members are cordially invited to attend, with the privilage of bringing one guest.

By the death of Dr. J. H. Hardcastle and the removal of Joshua Clayton, Jr., to his farm, two members of the local Board of Health, Dr. Charles A. Ritchie and Chas. H. Howell have been chosen as members thereof. The Board now consists of Messrs. Jos. Biggs, President; Chas. H. Howell, Secretary, and Dr. C. A. Ritchie, who will look after the sanitary condition of our town.

While driving up Main street yesterday morning the horse of Mr. Edward Sparks was frightened by some object, and in turning up North Broad street, the occupants of the sleigh, Mr. Sparks and his daughter, were thrown out, but fortunately were not injured. The animal broke lose from the sleigh and cantered up Broad street but was soon captured. The sleigh was badly damaged.

Renew now. We should more than appreciate it if all our subscribers would favor us with a prompt renewal of their subscription. The date which appears on the printed address label which comes on your paper shows to what time your subscription is paid, and by noting it you will know the exact condition of your subscription. Will you look at it to-day? If your subscription has expired or is just expiring, send in your renewal now. It will then be off your mind for another year and it will also be a favor to us.

The Epworth League gave one of the most enjoyable musicals ever witnessed by a Middletown audience in the Sunday School room of Bethesda M. E. Church on Tuesday evening. The room was beautifully trimmed with the League colors, red and white, and was greatly admired. Four Epworth League young ladies, Mrs. A. H. Hall, Misses Hattie R. Cullen, Elizabeth J. Hopkins and Elsie R. Jones served as ushers. The program consisted of a short address by Dr. C. T. Wyatt; Mrs. Corbit Vinyard, of Odessa, song two beautiful solos, which were highly appreciated; Miss Reitta Emerson of Wilmington, who is well-known here, and whose coming is always looked forward to with pleasure, was present, and recited several selections; Mr. Frank R. Pool rendered two beautiful selections on the cornet, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Pool; a quartet composed of Misses Estella Suydam and May Buelun and Messrs. Swayne and Sirman sang two selections; instrumental duet, Misses Allie McKee and Sylvia Arthurs; singing "When Kate and I Were Coming Thro' the Rye," Miss Della Muehlburg; vocal duet, Misses May Kumpel and Jeannette Schreitz. The Epworth League orchestra was present, and added much to the evening's enjoyment. The entire program was highly appreciated by the audience. A silver offering was taken at the door, which netted over $10.00.

## BRAKEMAN EDWARD PHILLIPS KILLED

### Stepped in Front of Passenger Train While Throwing Switch

Death in a horrible form overtook Brakeman E. H. Phillips of Wilmington, while throwing a switch in front of the railroad station in this town Monday afternoon. He was run down by a south-bound passenger train and almost instantly killed. His body was hurled several yards and death was almost instantaneous.

Phillips, who was 35 years of age, was a Delaware railroad freight brakeman, and boarded with his wife and five-year-old son at No. 402 East Fourth street, Wilmington. It was while making the trip up the Delaware road that the accident occurred. The freight train on which he was working was standing on a siding at the Middletown station about 4 o'clock, when Phillips ran ahead to throw a switch. He evidently did not see the passenger train bearing down upon him, for he stepped on the south-bound tracks and was struck.

The plight of the unfortunate brakeman was not discovered until it was too late to give warning. After the train had passed several railroad men picked up the mangled form and carried it into the station. A physician was summoned, but death had ensued a short time after the accident.

The body was taken to Wilmington Monday evening, and the sad news broken to the wife, who was prostrated with grief.

## MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

### J. M. Hawkins of Baltimore, Breaks 99 out of 100 on the Local Grounds

Mr. J. M. Hawkins of the Baltimore Shooting Association, was in town on Thursday, and the members of the local shooting association got up a team of eight and proceeded to the shooting grounds where a most interesting shoot was held. Mr. Hawkins who has a National reputation for breaking blue rock, made the remarkable record of 99 out of a possible 100. F. R. Pool and Dr. W. E. Barnard did good work, Pool breaking 93 and Barnard 86 out of 100.

| Targets... | 10 | 15 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 25 | Shot at | Broke |
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| Hawkins. | 10 | 15 | 25 | 10 | 14 | 25 | 100 | 99 |
| Barnard.. | 8 | 14 | 24 | 9 | 12 | 19 | 100 | 86 |
| F. Pool... | 10 | 14 | 25 | 9 | 13 | 22 | 100 | 93 |
| Stevens... | | 12 | 19 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 90 | 75 |
| Jones..... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 100 | 75 |
| Wright... | 8 | 14 | 20 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 100 | 77 |
| Davis..... | 6 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 100 | 67 |
| Webb..... | 10 | 14 | 20 | 10 | 8 | 20 | 100 | 80 |

The Secretary requested us to state that the second Thursday of each month is the regular club shoot. Members will please take notice and be present on March 9th.

## CHURCH NOTES

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow, both morning and evening.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Christ a Servant—and We are Servants." Phil. 2:3-11. Leader, Miss Mary L. Adkins.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Christ a Servant—and We are Servants.' Phil. 2:3 11. Leader, Dr. G. B. Pearson.

Miss Ida E. Miner of Washington, D. C., an evangelistic deaconess, will address the Woman's Home Missionary Society at Odessa, in St. Pauls M. E. Church on the morning of Sunday, February 19th, and the society at Middletown in Bethesda M. E. Church on the evening of the same day. It is "Silver Anniversary Day" of the W. H. M. S., and Miss Miner comes as a talented and forceful speaker for that important occasion. Her subject will be announced later.

## RESOLUTIONS

At a business meeting of Bethesda Chapter of the Epworth League on Thursday night the following memorial was adopted:

*Resolved.*—That in the death of our sister, Edith Allee, whose sun set before midday that we have lost a faithful and devout member, one who in her every day life exemplified the spirit of her Master, and during the weeks of her lingering illness was patient and submissive to the will of Him who doeth all things well. She was an obedient and affectionate daughter, a loving sister, a firm friend and a true Christian, and has exchanged the earthly for the heavenly home.

*Resolved.*—That we hereby express to the bereaved parents, to the sorrowing brother and sister and to all the relatives our deepest sympathy, praying that they may be sustained by his grace, who hath said, "I will never leave nor forsake thee"

*Resolved*—. As a tribute to her memory that these resolutions be spread upon our journal, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and to each of our town papers for publication. Elwood Denny, Sec.

## SALES TO TAKE PLACE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1905.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Robt. S. Carpenter, on the farm known as the "Wm. A. Cleaver Farm," one mile west of Port Penn. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1905.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Mrs. J. K. Williams, on the farm now tenanted by Isaac Green, on the road from Middletown to Odessa. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1905.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by William McMullin, Jr., on the "Jas. McMullin Farm," on the road from McDonough south of St. Georges, 2 miles south of St. Georges. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9th, 1905.—Public sale of stock, farm implements &c., by W. S. Ellison, agt., at his residence on the "Fairmount Farm," on the road from St. Georges to Delaware City. Geo. W. Padley, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st, 1905.—Administrator's Sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Thomas Lattomus, Administrator of Hartley Bennett, deceased, at his late residence, on the Geo. W. Vandyke Farm, near Vandyke's Station, on the road leading from Sassafras, Md., to Smyrna, Del. W. H. Reynolds, auctioneer.

## PERSONALITIES

Mrs. J. C. Stites was a Wilmington visitor on Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Beasten has returned from a visit with Wilmington friends.

Miss Elva Reed has returned from Wilmington.

Miss Louise McCrone is taking a business course at Goldey's College, Wilmington.

Mrs. T. S. Fouraere and Miss Hattie Cullen were guests of relatives in Wilmington on Saturday.

Mrs. Samuel Price spent this week with her neice, Miss Lillian Walker, in Philadelphia.

Mr. Martin Richards, of Newark, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. Thomas McWhorter, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, over Sunday.

## DEATHS

### COLUMBUS WATKINS

After an illness of several years, Mr. Columbus Watkins, one of the best known men in New Castle County, died at his home in Odessa on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. In the death of Mr. Watkins this community loses one of its best and most influential men and one ever ready to do a friendly act for his fellow man. Heart failure was the cause of his death. Deceased was born September 17th, 1829, in Middletown and has resided in Odessa nearly all his life, where he entered the mercantile business as clerk for Polk & Beasten, subsequently, in 1865, becoming owner of the store and was a heavy grain dealer when Odessa was a great shipping point. He was a most energetic business man, and up to his death was at the head of the well-known Watkins Packing Company, canners of tomatoes and corn, one of the largest concerns of the kind in the State. He was also interested in several vessels and the Steamer Clio was built by him. He was a director in the New Castle County National Bank, and was foremost in every enterprise for the good of the town and vicinity. He was a Democrat in politics, and had been active in party affairs in years past, at one time being a member of the legislature, and his name had been most prominently mentioned as his party's candidate for Governor. The funeral will take place from his late residence this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock; interment in Drawyer's Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral.

### MRS. M. A. ROBERTS

Mrs. Martha Ann Snow Roberts, widow of the late Z. M. Roberts, died at her residence on East Main street on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Roberts was in her 91st year, and was the oldest lady in town. Deceased leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn her death. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at one o'clock at the house; interment in St. Annes Cemetery.

### LAURA DONOVAN

Laura, the 20 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Donovan, died in New York City on Friday morning where she was under treatment. The remains will be brought to Middletown on the 11.37 A. M. train Monday. Service will be held in Bethesda M. E. Church immediately after the arrival of the train. Interment in Forest Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral without futher notice.

### FRANK A. VANSANT

After an illness of a few weeks Frank A. Vansant, died at his home 1106 West Eighth street Wilmington, Tuesday night of a complication of diseases. Mr. Vansant lived at St. Augustine, Md., previous to moving to Wilmington, and his many friends in this section were shocked to learn of his death. He leaves a young wife to mourn his untimely death. Interment will be made in Bethel Cemetery this afternoon.

## ODESSA

Mr. George Heldmyer is a Philadelphia visitor.

Miss Lucy Appleton is a Port Penn visitor this week.

Mrs. Mary Saunders is visiting relatives in Chestertown this week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Arters are spending this week in Crumpton, Md.

Harry Kronemeir, of Wilmington, spent a few days last week here with his father.

Miss Mary Lightcap entertained Miss Mary Stringfellow, of Wilmington, on Sunday.

Mr. Walter Keen, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Keen.

Miss Ethel Mailly has returned after spending a few days with friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. R. L. Hallett returned home last Saturday after an extended visit with relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Emma Eccles entertained part of this week her cousin, Miss Lou Skellenger, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Charles Spicer returned home last Saturday after spending the past three weeks with her daughter in Stockley.

One of Odessa's most prominent citizens, Mr. Columbus Watkins, died on Tuesday morning at 7.30 A. M., after a brief illness of apoplexy and heart disease. Mr. Watkins was 76 years of age. One daughter and three sons survive him, Mrs. R. J. Ford, of East Orange, N. J., Columbus Watkins, of Philadelphia, Frank and John Watkins, of this town. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock at his late residence on Main street; interment in Drawyers' Cemetery.

Scholars of the public schools deserving special mention and commendation for the past month are as follows: Room No. 1.—Helen Townsend, Martha Cochran, Minnie Armstrong, Mary Aspril, Alice McCoy, Lola Harris, Lola Pleasanton, Gertrude Wallace, Zadoc Pool, Fred Keilkopf, Earl Pleasanton. No. 2.—Arthur Phillips, Lloyd Caulk, Elsie McCloskey, Emma Pennington, Mary Carpenter, Mailly Davis, Mabel Wallace, Ethelda Webb, Mildred Harris. No. 3.—Marion Vinyard, Blanche Weist, Carrie Muhlberger, Pearl Harris, Corine Keilkopf, Lola Buckson, Norman Ward, Robert Heller, Milton Phillips, Clarke Dulin, Leon Buckson and Leonard Wallace.

## 140TH ANNIVERSARY AND BANQUET

### Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., Entertains Visitors and Ladies

Grand Master R. Harry Young, accompanied by Grand Marshall Joseph H. Bartlett, of Wilmington, paid his official visit to Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. A. Masons of this town, last Tuesday evening. As this occasion was also the 140th anniversary of the institution of the Lodge, the members extended a banquet to the visitors and to the ladies. The following menu was served in the Opera House at 9 o'clock:

Oysters, Lynn Haven
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce
Rolls

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| Celery | Potato Salad |
| Chicken Croquettes | French Peas |
| Olives | Pickles |
| Cold Tongue | Maryland Biscuit |
| Ices | Cake |

Coffee

The Opera House was neatly and harmoniously decorated, and about 75 members and ladies enjoyed the occasion. The Middletown Orchestra furnished the music, and after having done full justice to the excellent viands served by Caterer Kates, speech making was indulged in until nearly midnight. This part of the entertainment was presided over by Mr. W. Reese Parker the Master of Union Lodge. The speakers were in addition to the Grand Master and the Grand Marshall, Messrs. Alfred G. Cox, J. B. Cook, Rev. W. B. Hutchins and Rev. C. T. Wyatt.

Among the 50 or more guests present were: Mr. Carnagy of Kirkwood; Joseph L. Gibson of Odessa; Charles Jolls of Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. W. Reese Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beasten, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hutchin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Lee, Mrs. G. W. W. Naudain, Mrs. T. V. Leonhart, Mrs. Edgar Clark, Miss Helen Naudain, Miss Mary Maxwell, Miss Bernice Metten, Miss Lottie J. Jolls, Miss Eugenia Beasten, Miss Annie Cox, Miss Sallie Huggins, A. G. Cox, Thomas Madden, Col. J. B. Cooke, Dr. C. T. Wyatt, Dr. Charles A. Ritchie, Dr. G. B. Pearson, John A. Jolls, John W. Jolls, W. F. Shallcross, George Echenhofer, Walter Letherbury, S. M. Rosenberg and many others.

## WARWICK

Mrs. B. S. Hall is the guest of Chester relatives.

Mr. John R. H. Price was in Elkton last Tuesday.

Mr. George Moore is entertaining his sister of Chesapeake City.

Miss Mamie Spear, of Bohemia Manor, is visiting Mrs. S. D. Wilson.

The public roads are still blocked and travelers are still using the fields.

Miss Bessie R. Merritt was a visitor in town a few days during the past week.

William J. Lofland, Jr., was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Price on Sunday.

Mr. Patrick Dorsey of near town is confined to his room. Dr. J. J. Wright is in attendance.

Mrs. Joseph Dulaney, of Baltimore, is sojourning with her mother, Mrs. Rachel Merritt on Elk street.

Quiet a few from town attended the public sale of Mr. M. T. Ginn near Odessa on Wednesday.

Mrs. T. P. Devine is criticaliy ill at her home near town. Drs. Ritchie, Pierson and Jeter have been in attendance.

The Misses Helen Eaton, Emma Vinyard and Myrtle Stradley spent from Friday until Monday at their respective homes.

The property of Mrs. Margaret Stapp (deceased) will be sold at public sale February 21st, 1905, at 1 P. M. E. E. Marsh is trustee.

Mrs. A. D. Short tendered her daughter Mable a birthday party on Saturday evening. Quiet a number of her friends were present.

Miss L ida Johnson, of Milford, who has been the guest of Mrs. M. A. Lofland for the past three weeks, is visiting Mrs. John B. Stephens near Cecilton.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society held is regular monthy social and business meeting at the home of Mr. T. B. Vinyard last Thursday evening.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. will hold their second annual supper and bazaar in the camp hall on the evenings of the 21st, 22nd, 23d, and 24th inst. A $25 set of harness and a ton of coal will be chanced off, fancy articles will be for sale in the bazaar department, oysters ice cream and confectionaries at reasonable prices. Come out the invatation is extended to one and all.

The following pupils of Warwick Public Schools have obtained an average of 90 per cent. and over for the month of January: 7th Grade.—Paul Marsh, Eccleston Marsh, Alban Marsh. 7th Grade.—Mary Tarbutton. 6th Grade.—Stella Bishop, Jesse Vinyard, Jodie Stearns, Clara Price, Thomas Carroll, Richard Tarbutton, Viola Hall, Ella Lockerman, Katie Carroll, Eula Vinyard, Mamie Merritt, Edgar Short. 5th Grade.—Lester Bishop, Lulu Plummer. 4th Grade.—Rodney Price, Arthur Lockerman, Francis Marsh, Bertha Lynch, Elsie Clayton, Emory Thornton, Hartley Thornton, Guy Lockerman, Willie Pierce, Mabel Short, Joseph Carroll. 8d Grade.—Margaret Marsh, Benjamin Bain, Reba Thornton, Michael Carroll, Alice Marsh, John Garner, Mary Clayton.

### THREE HOUSES BURNED

Fire Friday afternoon destroyed two single and one double dwellings in Chesapeake City, Md. The fire which originated from a defective flue, broke out in the dwelling on George street, owned by George N. Bennett, and soon spread to the two adjoining single dwellings which were destroyed. The fire was gotten under control by hard work on the part of the citizens, who formed a bucket brigade. At one time the fire threatened to become very destructive, as it was in a thickly populated section of the town, the buildings of which are all frame. A barn in the rear of the Bohemia Hotel was twice on fire, but was put out before any damage was done. The destruction of a frame building used as a shop helped to check the process of the fire. The Singerly Fire Company, of Elkton, sent its truck but its service was not needed, as by the time the firemen arrived the fire was under control. The loss, $1,460, is covered by insurance. The buildings destroyed were owned by George N. Bennett, the Thomas Conrey estate and John Banks.

## THE DOVER DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION

### Will Appear at the Middletown Opera House in the Near Future

The Dover Dramatic Association which is composed of the best talent in the State Capitol, is making a reputation which many of the travelling troops would be justly proud of. The *Sunday Star* of February 5th, in speaking of this association said:

DOVER, Del., Feb. 4th.—The Dover Dramatic Association, recently organized here and which has given two benefit performances for the Dover Opera House, meeting with unparalleled success, has gained such a reputation that invitations have been received by the company to visit other towns in Delaware and Maryland.

The two entertainments recently given by the association, the last one of which was rendered in the Dover Opera House the past week, was considered by critics from Philadelphia and other large cities who were visiting here and had an opportunity to see the talent displayed, as far above ordinary semi-professional, and in some instance equalling that of the professional. Mrs. Harry F. Ford, of this town, who took the character of "Mrs. Frivolton," a charming part in the sketch "An Evening Call," was especially fine in the part assigned her. Her grace and ease on the stage brought forth considerable favorable comment, and the stranger who was not acquainted with the facts, would have pronounced her a regular professional artist.

William T. Smithers, who is really the manager and trainer of the association, and who assumed the part of "Franklin Blake," in the same sketch as that of Mrs. Ford, delighted his audience beyond description, while his production from Richelieu, was nothing short of that of the professional. Mr. Smithers' personality, his grace and ease besides his knowledge of the work of the stage is admirable. The sketch in which he and Mrs. Ford took part, was written by him.

J. Howard West as "Orlando Beaumont" and Miss Lena Baker, as "Miss Ada Debut," in the sketch, "An Evening Call," also far exceeded the expectations of the large audience. Mr. West, while not having been directly connected with anything like a professional company, displayed such wonderful judgment and with perfect confidence in himself, showed that with but little training, he could equal any artist now traveling on the vaudeville stage. Miss Baker with her dancing in the sketch, added to the scene and was so loudly applauded that her return was called for several times.

Miss Mary Wharton, one of Dover's well-known singers, with songs of the negro dialect, captivated her audience; she appeared in the role of a black face artist. Her actions and manner were becoming to any professional along that line.

Messrs. Townsend Smithers and Edward Griffith, two of Dover's well-known singers, also acted their part with creditability to themselves and their trainer. They, like Miss Wharton, appeared in the role of the black faced artists and with their local hits, gave a variety which not only pleased the audience, but added greatly to the success of the entertainment.

Other talent was produced which equaled that already mentioned and in a great measure aided in the success which characterized the entire performance.

There is a strong possibility of the company paying Wilmington a visit in the near future.

The people of our town and the surrounding community will be delighted to learn that this company has decided to appear at the Middletown Opera House in the near future, but at this writing the date has not been given.

## CECILTON

Miss Edna Stepens is sick at her home near town.

Miss Edith Alderson spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mrs. Catharine Smith who is quite ill, is no better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder are spending several days in Philadelphia.

Miss Emma Lusby has returned from spending sometime with relatives in Germantown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manlove spent Sunday with her father, Joseph Manlove, near town.

Miss Coppage, of near Townsend, has returned home from visiting her uncle, Mr. John Coppage.

Revival services are now held in the M. E. Church. All are invited to attend. Rev. W. F. Dawson is being assisted by Evangelist E. J. Ranshan, of Lanchester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Davis, Mrs. Z. Porter Lusby, Mrs. E. N. Davis, Messrs. Thomas Cruikshank and Oldham Davis attended the Lusby-Schrack wedding last Tuesday evening in Germantown, Pa.

## CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

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| Wheat—No. 1 | $1.12 | Corn— | |
| No. 2 | 1.07 | Yellow, shelled | 47 |
| Timothy Seed | $2.65 | " cob | 48 |
| Clover Seed lb | 10¢ | Oats | 54 |

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

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| Eggs, per doz | 28@30 |
| Country Butter, per lb | 30@34 |
| Creamery Butter, per lb | 39 |
| Lard, per lb | 8@10 |
| Live Chickens, per lb | 12@16 |
| Potatoes, per basket | 25@35 |


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# . . TROUBLESOME LENORE . .

*BY MARGOT MAUDE*

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

CHAPTER VIII

The week which had to elapse before Lady May returned to Frewely was a most unhappy one both to Angus and to Lenore.

Mrs. Daintrey was rather puzzled at the sudden change in her daughter's behavior; she was so quiet, so different. She thought that it was due to remorse for her treatment of Hubert Percival, and she forgave her and showed her forgiveness in her affectionate manner. Lenore was greatly comforted by this. At least, she should always have her mother, she told herself; and perhaps, if she tried very hard to be good, and to work steadily, she might in time really be a help to her instead of only a hindrance, as she had been hitherto.

When Lady May came she seemed to be in good spirits, and was looking well. She too noticed the change in Lenore, and watched her rather intently for the first days. She thought that Angus too was changed. He was no longer so indifferent, and when she saw how his eyes followed her about, and how eagerly he sought her company, May almost believed that he had grown to care for her until one evening she saw him look at Lenore, and she saw that his look was full of love and longing. When she appeared the next day she was very pale, and her eyes were heavy. She said that she had had a bad night.

"I am sorry for that," said Angus, with his new ready attention. "Is there anything that I can do for you, May? Had you not better lie down again?"

"No, thanks—the air will do my head good, and—— Will you come out for a walk with me, Angus? There is something I want to say to you."

"Of course I will!" he said; but his heart sank. Now that his eyes had been opened by Lenore, he was beginning reluctantly to believe that May did care for him. He had watched her narrowly, and he had seen many little things. She knew immediately if he came near her. She would always turn at the sound of his voice, and if ever he did some small thing for her she colored up with pleasure.

Well, this was the best opportunity, and it must be settled. He would find out to-day from May's own lips whether she cared or not.

They walked along the rather dirty country road, silently at first. May looked ill, and seemed nervous. Angus asked her again if it would not have been wiser for her to rest.

"No—I wanted to come; but I wanted to speak to you, Angus. I want to break off our engagement. I think that it will be wiser for both of us."

"To break it off!" he echoed in his great surprise.

May had watched him as she had spoken the words, and she had seen the color rush to his face and the light come into his eyes, but the next moment he was asking her gravely, almost, it seemed regretfully, for her reason.

"I don't think that we need look far for the reason," she said quite quietly, and once again Angus colored. Could it be that she knew of his love for Lenore? She looked away from him, and her face was very pale, and her eyes were dreary and hopeless as she gazed at the distant trees and the gray cloudy sky.

"We were driven into this engagement," she went on in her low voice. "People talked so much that it seemed the wisest thing, though even then I hardly thought it wise. Marriage isn't for a day or for a week, but for always; and, unless one has love to sweeten the tie——"

"You do not love me?" He asked the question rather sharply; but she evaded the answer deftly, though he did not notice the evasion then.

"That has been the one question which has never been raised between us," she said quickly. "We thought and spoke of the many advantages. Sunley was yours without the means to keep it up—I had the money, and I loved Sunley. If I had been a boy it would have been mine. Father wished it, and we let ourselves drift into this engagement; but we never asked that question—whether we loved one another. But now I feel certain that without that love we should be miserable if we married, and therefore I think that without any bitterness on either side we ought to give it up."

"That is for you to decide," he said slowly. Even for the sake of Lenore he would not grasp at the freedom which he was not sure was offered him willingly. "If you will marry me, May, I will do my best to make you happy."

"I am sure that you would"—she turned and smiled at him—"but I have made up my mind, you see, and I am notoriously obstinate. I will not marry you, Angus!" The color faded from her face as she spoke, and she held out her hand to him, as if to rob her words of all hardness. "You are free."

"You are sure that this is your own wish?" he asked, for something seemed to tell him that she did care, though she was smiling now.

"It is entirely my own wish—my own dea. Angus, if you will let me, I will still be your friend. I may still care for you as a friend and a cousin, you know, even though we part and marry elsewhere."

"You mean to marry that young Skelton?" he asked sharply. Even though he did not wish to marry her himself, the idea that Fred Skelton should be master of Sunley was bitter to him.

"At present I have no intention of marrying any one," she said quietly. "Later, I shall do as I think best; but I hardly think that your question was a justifiable or a courteous one for you to ask."

"You are right, it was not, and I hope that you will forgive me. You were always much too good for me, May, but I hope that we shall still be friends—always."

"Always." Once again, she gave him her hand, and then she said that she was tired and thought that they had better turn back. They lapsed into silence until they were near the house, when May turned, and said rather feverishly, "This may as well be known at once. You might tell Mrs Daintrey, and I will tell the Greys."

"Certainly, if you wish it," he said rather shamefacedly.

He was longing to go to Lenore—Lenore, who was no longer out of his reach. He was madly anxious to hear her say that she would marry him. Lenore was always uncertain, even though he believed that she loved him. And yet he felt a traitor to the quiet pale girl at his side.

"I think that it would be best. I—I shall leave a little earlier than I intended, Angus, and I think that I shall go back to Sunley."

"May, are you quite sure?"

"I am quite sure. We are both free, and I hope that you will be very happy, Angus, now and always."

Angus found it difficult to get hold of Lenore. She always avoided him, and since May had come she had done so more than ever; but at last he managed to say to her—

"Lenore, you must let me speak to you. I have something to say."

Lenore turned deadly white at his words, and looked quickly up into his face.

"I will come into the garden," she said—"there are always so many people about—but in the garden in a few minutes' time by the summer-house;" and then she turned and answered some question of old Mrs. Grey, who had taken a great fancy to her.

He was at their tryst first, and waited for some minutes before she came up breathlessly.

"Well?" she asked at once. "Tell me—what is it?"

"May has asked me to release her from our engagement. I am free."

"She asked you? Oh, it can't be true! I am quite sure that she loves you! Can she have guessed, Angus?"

"I am sure she can't! We have never spoken to each other. But, Lenore—my darling—I am free—free to ask you to marry me. You will, Lenore?"

"I can't help thinking of her," she said rather feverishly. "Angus, do you really believe it—really?"

"I believe that she does not mean to marry me. She was very quiet about it, and said that we should always be friends. Dearest, we can do no more. I have not broken faith with her——"

"But you are glad that she has set you free?"

"Can you blame me for that?"

"No—I can't. Only it does seem such a pity that our happiness should begin on her unhappiness."

"When is our happiness to begin?" He caught her to him now, and refused to listen to any more sad words. "You are to say only that you love me as I love you, Lenore."

"You know that I do."

"I don't feel sure of it until you tell me again. Can one feel sure of you, Lenore?"

"Ah—still you do not trust me!"

"But I will when you kiss me, and say that you will marry me. When, Lenore?"

She held up her face to his. Her lovely eyes were full of happiness and love, and she let him kiss her. She told him that she loved him dearly; and then, drawing herself away a little, she said—

"Now you must be patient, and listen to me if I say something that will vex you."

"You couldn't vex me now—that is, unless—you are not going to raise any more ridiculous scruples, Lenore? I will not bear it. Until May is gone, of course our engagement can't be given out; but I am going to tell Agnes to-night—there shall be no more uncertainty about it. You are mine, and I mean to claim you."

"You may tell mother, if you will," she said slowly; "but if you really love me you will do as I ask."

"And that is?"

"You will let me go away for a year."

"Let you go away? No—that I will not do!" He tightened his clasp about her. "Anything else, Lenore—anything in reason—but a year."

"It would be best for you—you would learn to trust me—and best for me. I want to show you that I am worthy of trust, and we must do it for Lady May's sake. Have you thought what it would be to her if you were to give out that you were engaged to me so soon—so very soon—after she has given you up? We could not do it. If we wait a year, at least there will be no talk to hurt her."

In the end he submitted unwillingly, and Lenore had her way.

When he told Mrs. Daintrey, he tried hard to make her shorten the term of waiting, but she was quite as determined as Lenore that, for a year at least, there must be no open engagement.

"Lenore shall go away," she said; and she kissed the girl's sweet face tenderly. "I don't think any one can say that she has behaved badly in this, and I can trust her now. If she loves you, she will be good and true."

"And a year is not very long," said Lenore pleadingly.

"Where will you go?" He watched her with rather moody eyes. She was right. He could hardly bear to trust her out of his sight.

"I shall try for a situation as governess or companion."

"Why should you do that?" he said angrily. "Agnes, surely this at least is unnecessary!"

"It is the right thing for her to do."

That evening, when Lenore was in her own room, there was a low knock at her door. She opened it, and to her great amazement found that it was Lady May.

"You want to speak to me?" Lenore asked; and she colored guiltily. In Lady May's presence she still felt remorseful.

"Yes. May I come in for a few minutes? I am going away to-morrow, you know, and I wondered—I wanted to ask you if, sometime, you would come to me for a little while."

"Come to you on a visit, you mean? Lady May, don't be good to me! I don't feel that I deserve it!"

"Because of Captain Percival? Lady May's tone was just a shade hard, and also it seemed to Lenore that there was a note of warning in it. Did she wish Lenore to know that she must not mention Angus?

Lenore did not answer the question, and Lady May went on quietly—

"I have broken off my engagement to my cousin—a loveless marriage means nothing but misery—and I am going back to Sunley. It struck me that I should like to know you better, and——"

"I am going away at once for a year," Lenore said simply and quietly; and she felt glad in her heart as she did so, though she saw a puzzled look in Lady May's face. "Mother is going to get me a situation for a year."

"A situation? Why should you do this?"

"Because I think it right."

The two girls faced each other, and their eyes met; then May bent over and kissed her as she said—

"Perhaps you are right. You are very young."

"I know that I am right."

"But in that case, Lenore, will you come to me? Come to me as companion if you will. I want some one; I am lonely. My aunt is very old, and——"

"Would you really like to have me? Could I help you?"

"I should dearly like to have you. We will be friends, Lenore, and we will go away for the winter—just you and I and old Miss Graill—and in the spring I will bring you back to Sunly"—"and Angus"—was in her thoughts, though she did not speak the words.

And so it was settled. Angus was greatly amazed at first. Why should May want to have Lenore with her? he asked himself. And then he understood. He knew that Lenore had been right and that May did love him—that it was as his future wife that she wished to learn to know and to love Lenore. Brave and strong as she was, she would fight against her love and conquer it.

It was arranged that he and Mrs. Daintrey should go to Sunley in the early spring when Lady May and Lenore returned from abroad.

"You will write to me often, Lenore?" he said almost fiercely when he parted from her. "You will swear to be true?"

"You must trust me," she said, smiling rather tearfully up into his stern face; "but indeed—indeed I love you, Angus!"

THE END

## A BURIED VALENTINE

BY ELIZABETH R. MACDONALD

The wind had blown fiercely all night, and all the day before. The snow still fell, but the gale had died away, and the worst storm of the winter was nearly over. Agnes Clifford, looking out of the parlor window, rejoiced in the great drifts.

"Aunt Caroline," she exclaimed, turning to a frail-looking lady in heavy black who sat near by, "I am going for a snowshoe tramp over those splendid drifts. You won't be lonely with your new novel, dear, will you?"

Aunt Caroline hesitated a moment. In her own secret heart she considered snowshoeing an unlady-like amusement. But her late husband had said to her, a few days before his death: "Remember, Caroline, it is your duty to make Agnes happy," and this injunction was always sounding in her ears. Besides long walks, skating and snow-shoeing brought more color and brightnes to the clear-cut girlish face than any other occupation—except perhaps that of painting, and that was a suitable employment in Aunt Caroline's opinion. Agnes thought of that, too, as she noticed her aunt's hesitation, and she said: "I will take my sketch-book, and bring you back something pretty, if I can."

"Very well, my child," Mrs. Castleton consented; "but wrap yourself up warmly and take Bevis with you for company. Remember, I shall be anxious if you stay too long."

A few minutes later Agnes kissed her aunt good-bye, with a merry "Only for an hour or so, auntie," and went through the kitchen to give her directions to Hepzibah.

"Don't forget aunt's cup of cocoa at eleven, Hepsie; and look in occasionally to see if she wants anything."

"Law sakes, Miss Agnes, you ain't ever going out in this snow! You'll get lost and frozen and buried in the drifts!"

"Oh, dear, I hope not!" Agnes laughed; "but if I'm not home by twelve, you will know it is time to dispatch John for me!"

John came in at this moment and stood by the door, stamping and shaking himself free of his white covering.

"Bless your heart, Miss Agnes, be you going to look for a valentine? You won't find none, in weather like this, I'm afeared!"

"Why, *is* this St. Valentine's Day?" Agnes cried; "I had quite forgotten. Who knows, I may find a gnome-king, or a fairy prince, who will come alive, in the fields to-day!"

She waved good-bye to the admiring old couple who watched her from the doorway, and swung off with the long, easy tread of an experienced snow-shoer. Bevis, the big St. Bernard, plunged heavily after. They made a pretty addition to the winter landscape—the tall girl in her blue coat and toque, and the beautiful, massively-built dog.

The fields spread spotless and uneven before them; the spruce woods to the left were magnificently draped in white. Agnes went down over the wheat-field and through the hilly sheep-pasture, in the direction of the heavily-wooded ground at the back of the farm. The air was not too cold for dreams, and she found herself going back to the happiest year she could remember in her life.

Agnes had been left an orphan when a very little child. She could not remember her parents, but she had their portraits, and thought of them always as they were in those beautiful miniatures—the smiling, radiant boy and girl in the first pride of their love. Her Uncle Castleton, a wealthy man not blessed with an appreciation of children, had sent her to a good boarding-school as soon as she was old enough. Then he and Aunt Caroline moved to New Brunswick, and as the select school seemed to him quite satisfactory, little Agnes was left behind to be trained up to young ladyhood. Aunt Caroline had felt a mild wish to keep the child with her, but she never dreamed of expressing either wish or opinion opposed to those of her autocratic husband.

So until she was nineteen Agnes remained at school; then came one enchanted year spent at the home of a school friend at Montreal. That winter she met Jack Dudley—met him at every party, met him at quiet home-evenings, sat beside him at concerts and theatre, and grew to love the strong, quiet nature before she knew it. Then, one morning in early summer, came the sudden summons from her uncle; he had lost all his money and much of hers; they must go into retirement and live most carefully; she could not waste her time in Montreal any more!

Jack was out of town when she went, but she felt sure that he would write, and her heart was happy when she said good-bye to Montreal.

But that was two years ago, and no letter had come. From her friend she had heard of young Dudley's sudden departure for England, on the news of his father's illness, and that was all.

Then had come their move to this little farm in a backwoods settlement, and a series of unsuccessful experiments in farming on the part of Uncle Castleton. Agnes had borne more than her share in all the work and brightened the home-life wonderfully, though her uncle was loath to admit it.

A little less than a year before this snowy February morning, Mr. Castleton died after a very short illness. His wife knew nothing of business, and their pecuniary affairs were a profound mystery to her. They had just enough to live on, very carefully, it seemed, and she stayed on at the little farmhouse, unable to decide on any course of action. In vain Agnes tried to persuade her that they did not know enough of farming to make it pay; that they ought to be somewhere where she (Agnes) could teach or work in some way, but Mrs. Castleton's usual reply was: "Your poor uncle left no directions; I really don't know what to do, my dear."

As Agnes tramped on, this February morning, she wondered if all her life was to pass in this way. Yet she scarcely knew what made her so dissatisfied. She loved the country; Aunt Castleton was kindness itself, though not much more companionable than a wax doll; perhaps it was the sense of wasted effort that disturbed her mind. Perhaps—perhaps—she shrugged her shoulders impatiently, and determined *not* to think of happier days. Anyone who has tried not to think of some particular subject knows just how successful it is apt to be. By the time Agnes turned into the wood-road under heavy-laden boughs of spruce and fir, a pair of brown eyes and a certain sweet smile on a grave face were holding sway of her memory.

Her feet turned unconsciously toward the little hut she had built for herself—with a little assistance from John—in the summer. Here she used to bring her painting materials and a book and spend enchanted hours in the green, sweet-smelling solitude.

Her drifting thoughts were interrupted by a low whine from Bevis, who had pushed past her and plunged eagerly forward to the doorway of the hut. Startled and somewhat alarmed, Agnes followed him—then stopped short in dismay. There, in a huddled heap on the snowy floor, half filling her little hermitage, lay a man, the snow partly drifted over him. Was he dead? Agnes hesitated, then stooping under the low doorway, entered, and gently drew his arms from his face.

She was on her knees beside him in a moment, the white, unseeing face clasped close.

"Jack, dear Jack! Darling, darling boy!"

She knew that he was dead, and in the transports of her grief and tenderness all petty considerations fell to nothingness. Pride, wounded vanity, unbelief in his love, scorn of self for giving love unsought—all vanished in the one supreme realization of what he was to her, and what life would be without him.

Her tears fell fast on his face. She drew back to dash them aside—and the brown eyes opened wide in a look of unutterable content. At first the mere joy of seeing him alive kept all other thoughts far off, and her incoherent murmur of "Aren't you dead?" was very close to his ear.

A glad laugh, and the whisper, "Not unless you are, too, and this is heaven," brought her back to a memery of what she had said. She sprang to her feet and was the stately Miss Clifford in a moment.

Jack Dudley struggled to a sitting position, then fell back with a groan of pain. Bevis pushed past Agnes and began to lick his face and hands and show decided symptoms of trying to drag him out of the hut.

Laughing and crying, unspeakably relieved and unreasonably angry at herself, Agnes sat down beside her patient and lifted his head to her knee.

"Then you *aren't* shamming, Mr. Dudley! Will you tell me what *is* the matter?" she said with great severity, somewhat counteracted by the touch of her hand on his forehead.

"Shamming! Oh, Agnes!" There was a pause, and then he possessed himself of both her hands and looked steadily into her eyes.

"My leg is broken, I think, and I'm naturally a little cold. But—no, dearest, the leg doesn't matter; you must listen! I never found out where you lived till a few weeks ago. Your friend had gone away when I came back to Montreal. You know—no, of course you *don't* know—but I was in England for more than a year, nursing my father, and then—he died. I wrote to you twice, and told you—something—and when no answer came I thought of course you didn't care."

"Oh, stupid, stupid boy! And I never got your letters!"

"Then, at last, I managed to trace you. I came to Fredericton, and there they directed me to Woodlands Settlement. So I took a train, but it left me miles away, and I started to finish my journey on snow-shoes. That was yesterday. I got tea at a farmer's house, and he said I had come to the Back Settlement, and tried to keep me all night. Of course I had been directed wrongly at the station. I left Mr.—I forget his name—about nine. He gave me a lantern, and I would have got on finely, only I pitched over some big fallen tree, or something, and my leg went snap, and I just managed to crawl here. It *was* a pretty bad night, dear heart, but I didn't freeze. This little house saved me from that."

"You poor boy! What pain you must be in! Wait a minute, though; I know what to do!"

She tore a leaf from her sketch-book and hastily wrote a few imperative lines to John. Then she folded it carefully, gave it to Bevis, and, pointing in the direction of the house, she said, "Go good dog! Go home!" The intelligent creature licked her hand and looked questioningly in her face, then gave a bark and plunged hastily away among the trees.

It was nearly an hour before John arrived, with two stalwart youths from the next farm and a hastily improvised litter. In that hour, in spite of pain and anxiety the lovers grew to understand each other perfectly at last.

A fortnight later, when Jack was promoted to the drawing-room sofa, and Agnes sat beside him, they fell to making plans for the future, as the wedding was to be in a month, and they were all to go to Fredericton to prepare for it as soon as Jack could be moved. Mrs. Castleton came in while they were in the midst of cloudland, and sat down with pleased interest to put in a word about silks and laces and the latest fashions in traveling suits.

"And oh, Agnes, how queer it will be to hear you called Mrs. Dudley!" she said.

Agnes flushed, and Jack raised himself with an air of apprehension funny to behold.

"Why, she won't be! Dearest, didn't I tell you? You will be Lady Strathmont. Father was the Earl—I thought you knew—and I am the only son. Oh, by Jove, Agnes, I hope you don't mind!"

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Isaac H. Taylor by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Adda Taylor.

[Seal]

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Adda Taylor that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Sixth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Isaac H. Taylor, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-eight day of December, A. D., nineteen hundred and four. FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,

Issued Dec. 30, 1904. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, Robert Henry Cubberly by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause

[Seal]

of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Maude Cubberly.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Maude Cubberly, that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Sixth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petition, Robert Henry Cubberly, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Fourth day of January A. D. nineteen hundred and five.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Jan. 4th, 1905. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Laura Vanartsdale, by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle

[Seal]

County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and George Vanartsdale.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon George Vanartsdale, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Sixth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Laura Vanartsdale, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Fourth day of January A. D. nineteen hundred and five.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Jan. 4th, 1905. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Elsie V. Cashell, by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County,

[Seal]

for the cause of complaint therin alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Harry M. Cashell.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Harry M. Cashell, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Sixth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Elsie V. Cashell, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-eighth day of December A. D. nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
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